

New Boston Conservation Commission (NBCC)
Meeting Notes
July 14, 2016

Treasurer's Report: Deferred as Rebecca was absent. Laura reported the auditors have been in and there is an audited report of the financials.

Appointment of Trail Rangers: Louise noted all trail ranger volunteers are here except Tom and Elizabeth. Eric Bertrand will take care of Saunders Pasture CA with his son, Elliot. Louise and Dana Robie will take care of Betsy Dodge CA. Elizabeth Hey will take care of Rail Trail Phase I. Michelle L'Heuroux will take care of Mill Pond CA. Carol Hulick will take care of the Rail Trail Phase II. Jacqui Fillmore will take care of the Rail Trail Phase III. Tom Sullivan will take care of Skofield CA and already put a bridge in. Carol Hulick and Jacqui Fillmore will take care of Lyndeborough Road CAs until another volunteer is found.

Barbara introduced herself saying she loves trailwork activities and volunteered to accompany the stewards. She said the minimum duties of a steward is annual CA inspection and completion of a report for the file. The files are kept upstairs in the Town Hall. The master file stays in the building and stewards can sign out field files to take home and on inspections, and return to the town hall later with the report. If anyone has any questions on the files, see Maralyn. The steward then completes the reports and gives them to Maralyn. Barbara explained the acquisition of Mill Pond and Lyndeborough Road CAs and noted the state created the Master files for these, they require specific forms filled out and sent to the state each year. Barbara recommended stewards go to the NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program (CLSP) which URL currently is www.nh.gov/oep/planning/programs/clsp/ website for guidance and to contact her if they need any help. She noted Saunders Pasture CA has a conservation easement with PLC and Betsy Dodge CA has a conservation easement with SPNHF and these easement holders also inspect the properties. PLC recommends reports be done in the fall, on some properties other seasons may be better due to the terrain. Barbara suggested taking pictures with a date and time stamp on them for reference. She also reminded stewards to keep track of their hours as this is valuable when the CC gets grants. Barbara recommended making sure stewards are safe from ticks by wearing slick pants sprayed with permethrin, a neck scarf and to shower when they get home especially when boundary marking. Barbara reviewed items to pack when going to the trail such as a pouch with nails and a hammer, ribbon and spray paint to replace markers and signs that have come down or worn out, or make a note of what is needed and the CC will fix it. Stewards can walk trails and boundaries, make sure they are marked obviously and there are no violations, and if there are any problems with violations or condition report them to the CC. Gordon Russell has asked the CC to keep track of monarch butterflies at CAs. Part of the monarch butterfly's habitat is milkweed. Carol Hulick suggested a fun kids' activity for a CC event could be "Save the Milkweed" signs.

Adam introduced himself and said he is helping with the Trail SWAT Team and he will look at the steward reports. He and his fiancé Molly offered a trail clinic for interested stewards, to take place preferably on a weekend. Stewards can e-mail Adam if interested at nbtrailswatteam@gmail.com.

Abutter Encroachment: An abutter had items over the Betsy Dodge CA lot line, she came in and said the shed is gone and invited the CC to walk the property with her.

Master Plan Discussion And Prep For Planning Board: Discussed.

Any Other Business That Needs To Be Discussed:

- Maralyn e-mailed a list of Action Items for each member. Please review your list and send any updates to her.

Respectfully submitted,

Maralyn Segien